

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

We are happy to announce that Roger Tory Peterson has become a Patron of The Wilson Ornithological Society.

It is a pleasure to announce that Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., will act as review editor for the Ornithological Literature section of *The Wilson Bulletin*. All items intended for review should be sent to Dr. Pettingill at Wayne, Maine.

The Forty-first Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society will be held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, May 5-8, 1960. The Huff House of the Mountain View Hotel will be the headquarters.

On April 11, Mr. W. E. Clyde Todd marked his **sixtieth** anniversary at Carnegie Museum. He attained the status of Curator Emeritus in 1945, and in 1957 was appointed Honorary Curator of Oölogy in connection with the acquisition by Carnegie Museum of the egg collection of the late Herbert Brandt.

Mr. Todd became a member of the Wilson Ornithological Society in 1911 (only five current members joined the Society earlier than this).

Professor V. C. Wynne-Edwards, on leave from Aberdeen, Scotland, is currently occupying the Tom Wallace Chair of Conservation in the biology department at the University of Louisville.

About 20,000 specimens of bird and mammal stomach contents remaining in the Fish and Wildlife Service's Patuxent Research Refuge Food Habits Collection (after the recent distribution of specimens of immediate research interest to over 100 qualified research workers) have been transferred to the Department of Zoology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts.

The specimens remaining will be available after February, 1960, to qualified research personnel for specific food habits studies. Address inquiries to Dr. L. M. Bartlett, Associate Professor of Zoology, Department of Zoology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

In some species of animals having two or more distinct color phases, non-random mating occurs. I should like to investigate the possibility that this sort of preferential mating occurs in certain species of North American birds with two color phases. The question can be answered best by an analysis of records of a large sample of breeding pairs. Therefore I am soliciting any records of the color phases of breeding pairs of the following species: Screech Owl (*Otus asio*), red and gray forms; Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*), dark and light forms; western Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis calurus*), dark and light forms. Instances of birds of intermediate coloration would also be valuable. For the purpose of this inquiry, I need records of definitely mated pairs, no matter whether the members of the pair are the same or different in coloration. I can supply fuller details to anyone interested in participating in this work.—*D. F. Owen, Department of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.*

NOTE

From Daniel McKinley:

For an improved version of my "Early record for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker in Kentucky" (1958. *Wilson Bull.*, 70:380-381), see "An early record and description of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker in Kentucky" by Dr. A. W. Schorger (1949. *Ibid.*, 61:235). I offer professional apologies to Dr. Schorger; to Drs. Dixon and Tanner, I can only say that no harm was meant.